

CALENDAR OF ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN EVENTS - UPDATED 9/2016

SEPTEMBER 2016 – DECEMBER 2016

OCTOBER		
SEPTEMBER		
4	Poll lists and ballots from the November 4, 2014, General Election may be destroyed .	7.23(1)(e), (f) – 22 months after the election
8	Last day for municipal clerk to submit their Registration and Voting Statistics Report (EL-190F) for the Partisan Primary via WEDCS.	6.275 – within 30 days after each primary and election at which a state or national office is filled
21	Last day for county clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the General Election.	7.10(1), (3) – 48 days before the election
22	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the General Election.	7.10(3), 7.15(1)(c), (cm) – 47 days before the election
Start Date Set by Municipality	Clerks issue absentee ballots in person in the clerk's office. (Can begin as soon as ballots are available, start date is set by municipality)	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – start date set by municipality
27	Last day for registrants to file September report .	11.0204(4)(d), (5)(c) – 4 th Tuesday in September
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10	Last day for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for General Election.	5.25(3) – 30 days before the election
10	Last day for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for General Election.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before the election
10	Last day for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for General Election.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before the election
11	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for General Election.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(cm) – 4 th Tuesday preceding election
11	County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda (if required).	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(g), (3)(c) – 4 th Tuesday preceding election
17	First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the General Election. (5 working day notice required.)	6.875(6) – no earlier than the 4 th Monday preceding the election
19	Last day for electors to register to vote by mail or by Special Registration Deputy in General Election. Mailed registrations must be postmarked no later than this date. (After this date, electors must register in person in municipal clerk's office or at the polls).	6.26(2)(a), 6.28(1) – no later than the 3 rd Wednesday before the election
20	Clerks must have the Ineligible Voter List available for in-person voter registrations.	6.29(2)(am)
20	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registration (EL-133) to late registrants .	6.28(1), 6.29(2)(b)
24	Closing date for Fall pre-election campaign finance report .	11.20(8)(a) – 15 th day preceding the election
29	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the General Election. (Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.)	6.02(1), 6.10(3) Per Court Order – 10 days before Election Day

29	First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment. Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of public test of electronic voting equipment at least 48 hours before the test.	5.84(1) – no earlier than 10 days prior to the election -48 hours before the public test
31	Last day for registrants to file Fall pre-election campaign finance report.	11.0204(5)(a) – no later than 8 days before the election
31	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements with authorized care facility administrators for establishing one or more dates for conducting absentee voting for the General Election.	6.875(6) – the 6 th working day before the election
NOVEMBER		
1	Last day for municipal clerk to post notice of absentee voting at authorized care facilities. (Notice is posted as soon as possible after arrangements have been made, but no later than 5 working days before the time absentee voting is conducted.)	6.875(6)(a) – at least 5 working days before the visit
1	First day for municipal clerk to issue absentee ballots by agent to hospitalized electors.	6.86(3)(c) – not earlier than 7 days before the election
3	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for electors (except military electors and indefinitely confined electors) to request absentee ballots by mail for General Election.	6.86(1)(b) – 5 th day preceding the election
4	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors who are NOT on active duty away from their residence to request absentee ballots by mail for General Election.	6.86(1)(b) – Friday preceding the election
4	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the General Election in the municipal clerk's office.	6.29(2)(a) – Friday preceding the election
4	Last day (12 noon) for write-in candidates to file registration statement for the General Election.	7.50(2)(em) – noon on the Friday preceding the election
6	Last day for electors to make application in person to the municipal clerk for absentee ballots to vote in the General Election (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors).	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order
7	County clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and facsimile ballots for General Election.	10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(m) – Monday preceding the election
7	County clerks publish Type C notice of referenda (if required).	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(m) – Monday preceding the election
7	Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of locations and hours of polling places for General Election.	10.01(2)(d), 10.06(3)(d) – Monday preceding the election
7	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for General Election.	6.875(6) – Monday preceding the election

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8	GENERAL ELECTION	5.02(5) – Tuesday after the 1 st Monday in November
8	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered juror to apply for an absentee ballot and for hospitalized elector to make application by agent for an absentee ballot for General Election.	6.86(1)(b), (3)(c) – Election Day
8	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for military electors who are on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots by mail.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
8	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place.	6.87(6) – Election Day
8	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerk to post at his or her office and on the Internet, a statement of the number of absentee ballots the clerk has mailed or transmitted to absentee electors that have not been returned.	7.515(5) – no later than closing hour of the polls on Election Day
8	Deadline for clerk to post at his or her office and on the Internet, a statement of the number of electors who have cast provisional ballots that cannot be counted until the electors provide the necessary documentation.	7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the closing hour for all polling places in the municipality on election night
8	Municipal clerk must enter the information from the Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) from each reporting unit into the Provisional Ballot Tracking System. (Even if no provisional ballots are issued.)	42 U.S.C. § 15482
8	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51, 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
9	Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5) – the day after the election
10	Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5), 7.52 – 2 nd day after the election
11	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information so that their ballot may be counted.	6.97(3)(b) – Friday following election
14	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for processing late-arriving ballots for the General Election.	7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election
14	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish processing late-arriving ballots for the General Election.	7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election

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15	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the General Election.	7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
15	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of the Spring Primary on February 21, 2017, and the Spring Election on April 4, 2017, to county clerks.	10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(a) – No later than November 15
22	County clerks publish Type A notice of the Spring Primary on February 21, 2017, and the Spring Election on April 4, 2017.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(a) – 4 th Tuesday in November
22	Municipal clerks publish Type A notice of the Spring Primary on February 21, 2017, and the Spring Election on April 4, 2017.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(3)(a), (4)(a) – 4 th Tuesday in November
22	Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of General Election for state and federal offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission.	7.60(5) – 14 days after the General Election
-	County clerks issue certificates of election after expiration of time to file petition for recount and appeal of recount.	7.60(6)
29	Municipal clerks may clear or erase memory devices for their voting equipment from the General Election, if the data has been transferred to another medium (to be retained for 22 months).	7.23(1)(g) – 21 days after the election

DECEMBER

1	Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify results of General Election.	7.70(3)(a) – December 1
1	First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the 2017 Spring Election.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a) – December 1
1	First day for town or village governing body to set the date for caucus .	8.05(1)(a) – Between December 1 and January 1
1	Municipal clerks certify the approximate number of electors in municipality to county clerks.	5.66(1) – 1 st day of the 2 nd month preceding a primary
8	Last day for municipal clerk to submit their Registration and Voting Statistics Report (EL-190F) for the General Election via WEDCS.	6.275 – within 30 days after each primary and election at which a state or national office is filled
13	Last day for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Spring Primary ballot.	8.37 – 70 days prior to the election
14	Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question intended for the Spring Primary with the county clerk.	8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer
17	Poll lists from the February 17, 2015, Spring Primary may be destroyed .	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after the election
23	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for incumbents not seeking reelection to file Notification of Noncandidacy (EL-163) with the filing officer. (Failure to notify will extend nomination paper deadline 72 hours for that office.)	8.10(2)(a), 120.06(6)(b) – 2 nd Friday preceding the deadline for nomination papers.
31	Closing date for January continuing campaign finance report .	11.20(8)(b) – December 31